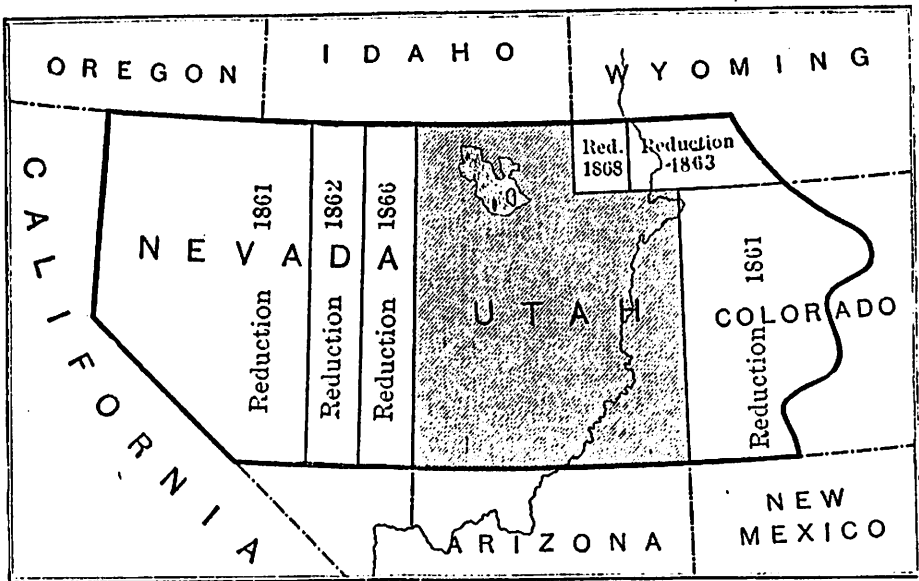


THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD.

1861-1865.

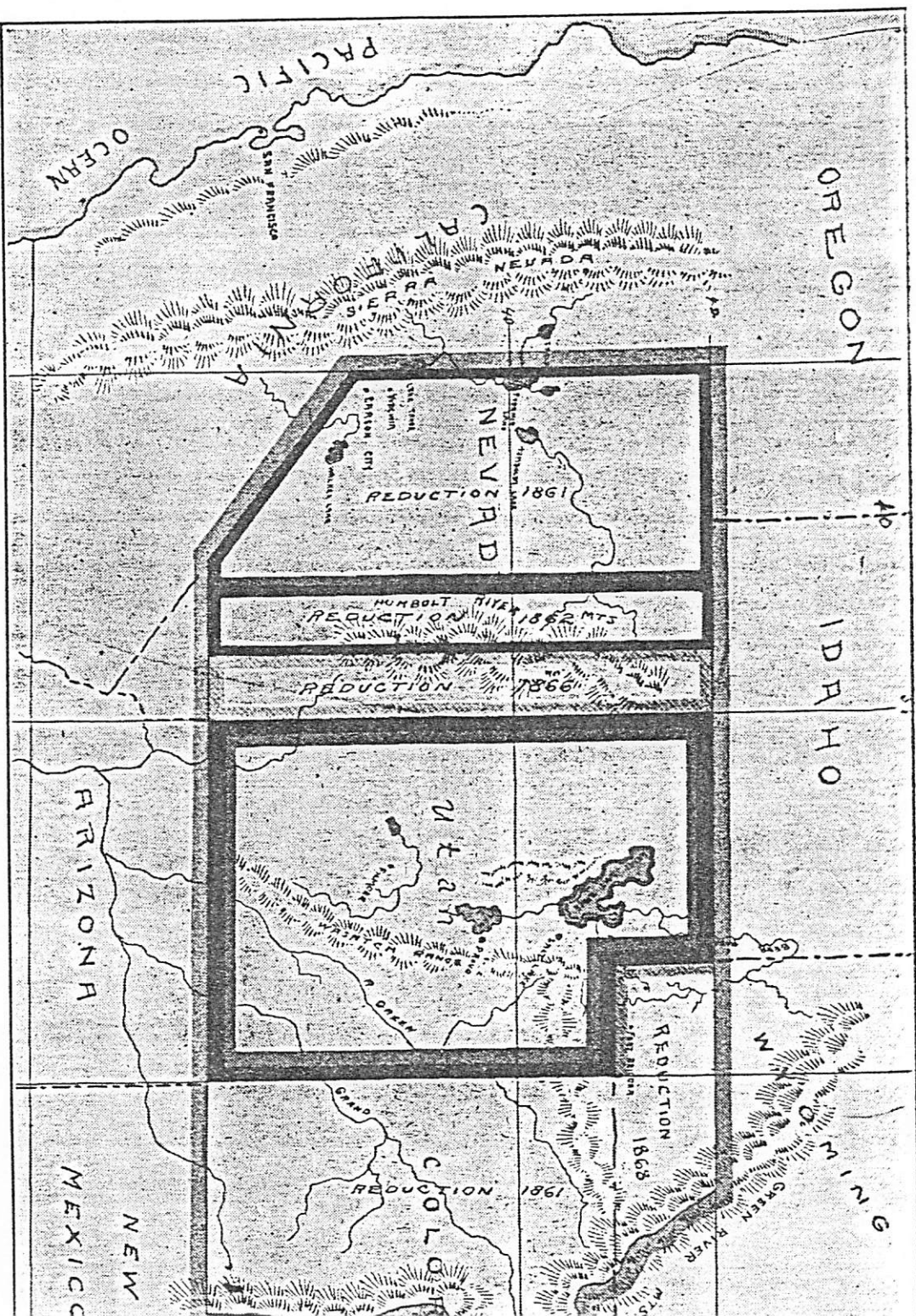
Utah Cut Down.—Just before the beginning of the Civil War, Utah parted with that portion of her domain out of which Congress created the Territory of Nevada. It was March 2nd, 1861, when President Buchanan affixed his signature to the Act organizing that Territory. Nevada's eastern limit, which became Utah's western boundary, was placed at the thirty-ninth meridian from Washington.*



UTAH PAST AND PRESENT.

During the same year the Territory of Colorado came into existence, Eastern Utah and parts of other Territories being

*Western Utah, which became Nevada, had then been occupied for about ten years; Hampden S. Beatie building the first house at Genoa, while on his way to the California gold fields. He was followed by the Reese Brothers from Salt Lake City. Within a few years farmers, stock raisers, miners and merchants, from both East and West, began to settle along the Carson River. Early in the "fifties" it was proposed to annex that region to California, and later an effort was made to induce Congress to change the name Utah to Nevada, and remove the seat of government to Carson County. Before and after that time there were movements for the formation of a new Territory. The discovery of the great Comstock Mine, in June, 1859, largely increased the "Gentile" population, who objected to being "governed from Salt Lake City." In November, 1860, following the example of the founders of Deseret, they elected a Governor and Legislature and petitioned Congress for a Territorial government. The prayer was granted, and the Territory of Nevada was the result.



Map of Utah

The outside line shows the territory when organized, Sept. 9, 1850 Successive reductions boundaries are indicated by shaded areas